

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to provide material costs, logistical, and engineering data for use in planning construction support for Army functions in the Theater of Operations (TO). The manual is part of the Army Facilities Components System (AFCS), and it is intended to use by:

a. Contingency, base development, construction, and logistical planners. When data are used in base development planning, the user is advised to refer to FM 31-82, Base Development Planning.

b. Construction units, because it contains the engineering data required for construction of the various structures, facilities, installations, and utilities required by the Army and Air Force to support military missions in the TO.

c. Logistical commands and supply agencies in requisitioning, identifying items, costing, and other related supply functions.

1-2. Scope

This manual contains summary listings of installations (generally referred to as planning tables), facilities and Prepackaged Expendable Contingency Supplies (PECS). The manual is divided into four volumes, one for each of the climatic zones in the AFCS. The summaries include cost, shipping weight, and volume of construction material. In addition, man-hour estimates to construct each facility and installation, minimum real estate requirements for installations, and the utility requirements for facilities and installations are included in this manual.

1-3. Related Publications

The AFCS consists of a series of four Department of the Army Technical Manuals. This manual (series is published in four volumes, one for each climatic zone), plus three accompanying publications indicated as follows: a. TM 5302, "Army Facilities Components System-Designs." This multi-volume manual contains installation layouts, facility drawings, construction details and materials lists for the AFCS. The manual is of primary interest to the construction unit performing actual construction of Army components in theaters of operations.

b. TM 5-303, "Army Facilities Components System-Logistic Data and Bills of Materials." This manual is used by planners, builders and suppliers in the identification of items in the bills of materials associated with specific facilities. Each item in a facility is identified by a National Stock Number (NSN), abbreviated description, unit of issue, and quantity. The material cost, shipping weight, volume and estimated construction effort in man-hours are shown in the facility description.

c. TM 5-304, "Army Facilities Components System User Guide." This manual provides users with a single source of reference and information concerning the operation of the system, available system products, and example problems demonstrating the use of the system.

1-4. Training

Information contained in the AFCS provides commanders at all levels with sufficient information to plan facilities construction training exercises. Cost and quantity of materials, NSNs, man-hours, and construction drawings are provided in such a manner as to permit unit commanders the flexibility of selecting facilities which, if constructed, would exercise individual military occupational specialties, unit construction planning, organization, and management. Construction times reflected in TM 5-3011 through TM 5301-4 and TM5-303 are optimal times to accomplish tasks and will serve as an initial planning guide. TM 5-304 provides tables of engineer unit capabilities. A unit that can accomplish tasks within the man-hours shown in the TMs should consider itself proficient in its skills, planning, organization and management. Materials required to construct facilities contained in the AFCS are not normally available as training sets and must be procured under appropriate regulations. If the facility is constructed as an authorized construction project, it is subject to appropriate regulation governing troop construction.

1-5. Comments and Information Sources

The data for this manual are maintained by the Office of the Chief of Engineers and are available in printouts, magnetic tape or microfiche. Cost data are updated quarterly and can be obtained from Huntsville Division, US Army Corps

of Engineers. All correspondence and requests for technical assistance, drawings and information regarding the AFCS system should be forwarded to either:

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Huntsville, AL 35807-4301
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HQDA (DAEN-ZCM)
WASH DC 20310-2600

Users of the AFCS are encouraged to submit comments, corrections and recommendations for improvement or revision directly to HQDA

(DAEN-ZCM), WASH DC 23010. Comments should refer to the specific facility or installation. The reason for each comment or recommendation should be given to ensure proper understanding and evaluation.

1-6. Responsibilities

The Chief of Engineers is responsible for the continuous review and updating of this publication to include coordination with DA staff agencies, oversea commands and other users that are affected by construction for contingency operations. Responsibilities of the Chief of Engineers and other agencies or commands are more specifically stated in AR 415-16.